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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, KU, SY, EG

SUBJECT: VISIT OF KUWAITI FOREIGN MINISTER TO SYRIA

REF: KUWAIT 1186

1. EGYPTIAN CHARGE TOLD EMBOFF MARCH 15 THAT PRIMARY PURPOSE KUWAITI FONMIN'S VISIT TO DAMASCUS MARCH 12 HAD BEEN TO DISCUSS PROSPECTS FOR PATCHING UP SYRIAN-EGYPTIAN DIFFERENCES AND RESTORING ARAB UNITY. SYRIA'S REPLY, EGYPTIAN SAID, WAS THAT PRESIDENT SADAT WOULD HAVE TO ABROGATE SINAI AGREEMENT FIRST.

2. EGYPTIAN COMMENTED THAT THIS SYRIAN ATTITUDE WAS RIDICULOUS AND HAD NOT BEEN THOUGHT OUT. HE SAID THAT IN RECENT DISCUSSION WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS HE HAD ASKED WHETHER SYRIA TRULY WANTED EGYPT TO RETURN TERRITORY, OIL FIELDS, ETC., WHICH IT HAD RECOVERED UNDER SINAI AGREEMENT. THEY HAD REPLIED, OF COURSE NOT. EGYPTIAN ADMITTED, HOWEVER, THAT  
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HE SAW NO PROSPECT FOR EARLY RECONCILIATION BETWEEN

SADAT AND ASAD.

3. WE CANNOT HELP BUT WONDER WHETHER KUWAITI'S VISIT AND  
THAT JUST BEFORE BY UAE FONMIN SUWAYDI DID NOT TOUCH ON  
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO SYRIA TO "BALANCE" THAT PROVIDED  
TO EGYPT DURING SADAT'S PENINSULA SWING.  
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